

COMMUNITY NEWS



Levi Brown, a native of the Zion Chapel community, recently attended a dinner honoring high school seniors accepted into the honors program at the University of South Alabama (USA). Levi graduated Monday, May 30, from the Alabama School of Math and Science in Mobile, Ala. He is the first student from Zion Chapel to graduate from this prestigious school. He plans to attend the University of South Alabama in the fall. Levi is pictured above with his parents, Sue and Scotty Brown (right) and USA president Gordon Moulton (left).

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approved:

• leave of absence for the 2005-06 school year for Gina Price, ARFI Reading Coach

Support Personnel

The following support personnel were recommended and approved for continued service status:

• Carolyn Archie - nurse at Kinston School
• Janie Cullifer - lunchroom worker at Kinston School
• Janet Holmes - lead nurse at New Brockton Elementary School
• Shelia Brown - lunchroom

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worker at New Brockton High School

• Teresa Kunkle - lunchroom worker at New Brockton High School

The board also gave the nod on several bid approvals during Tuesday's called meeting.

First, the board approved the bid for the re-roofing project at Zion Chapel Schools for \$135,790.37 pending the contractor attains all the required documentation for the project. This project primarily was required because of damages incurred from a hail storm earlier in the year.

Board members also approved bids for a dishwasher at New Brockton

After a lengthy discussion regarding the New Brockton High School roofing and renovation project, board members accepted the bid from Faulkner Construction with value engineering.

Hamm invested in Tulane University's A. Rudolph and Ruth Ryder Huberwald Chair in Medicine

Tulane University invested nephrologist Lee Hamm in the A. Rudolph and Ruth Ryder Huberwald Chair in Medicine. Hamm is a professor of medicine and physiology and chief of the nephrology and hypertension section in the Department of Medicine of the Tulane University School of Medicine.

A native of Elba, Ala., Hamm graduated from Auburn University and received his medical degree from the University of Alabama, followed by an internship, residency and postdoctoral fellowship in nephrology at Parkland Memorial Hospital and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas. He is the son of Lotue and Elizabeth Miles Hamm, formerly of Elba.

Through the legacy of the late Dorothy Ryder of New Orleans, Hamm was invested as



Lee Hamm

the inaugural holder of the chair. Dorothy Ryder established the Huberwald Chair endowment fund to memorialize her sister Ruth Ryder Huberwald and brother-in-law A. Rudolph Huberwald. Her

gift was inspired and nurtured through her friend Robert Burch, clinical professor emeritus of medicine at Tulane, and his wife Lillie Margaret Burch, who represented Dorothy Ryder at the investiture ceremony.

Hamm, an expert on kidney diseases and hypertension, joined the Tulane faculty in 1992. Four years ago, he was appointed director of the Tulane Hypertension and Renal Center of Excellence.

Hamm chairs the American Heart Association Council on the Kidney and Cardiovascular Disease. He currently is an investigator on several research grants sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and received a merit award from the NIH. He also received an American Heart Association Established Investigator Award.

Alabama Attorney General urges consumers to obtain free credit report

request the reports from all three of the consumer reporting companies at once, or to stagger their requests through the course of the year.

Attorney General King urges Alabamians to take advantage of this opportunity because it gives consumers a chance to review their credit reports to determine if the reports include fraudulent or incorrect information. Such information may indicate that consumers have become victims of identity theft.

If consumers do discover incorrect information on their reports, they have the right to dispute the incorrect information on these reports. "Identity thieves obtain consumer financial and personal information through a variety of means, from stealing their mail to tricking the consumers into providing their information. These thieves prey on our citizens who have worked hard their entire lives to pay their bills on time, save for the future,

and establish good credit. Unfortunately, many identity theft victims don't become aware of the fraud until they apply for a loan and are turned down because of low credit score. This new federal protection gives consumers the ability to be proactive by making sure that the information on their credit report is correct and by taking action now to correct any incorrect or fraudulent information on their reports."

For more information on what to do if you become a victim of identity theft, you may contact the Attorney General's consumer protection hotline toll-free by calling 1-800-392-5658 or the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-IDTHEFT. The Office of Consumer Affairs is a part of Attorney General King's Family Protection Unit, which also has a toll-free number to assist Alabamians—1-800-230-9485—with more information available at the unit's web page at

www.familyprotection.alabama.gov.

WCC to Offer Domestic Violence Seminar for Healthcare Professionals

Healthcare workers face increasing responsibilities in reporting domestic violence.

The Wallace Community College Workforce Development Division is offering a one-day continuing education seminar aimed at assisting professionals in decision making. Friday, June 24, Abbeville Attorney and Nurse Gwen H. Dagian will discuss "Domestic Violence" and the Role of Healthcare Professionals.

The seminar will be held in the LPN auditorium on the Wallace Campus in Dothan. For information about fees and registration, contact Connie Shepherd at (334) 556-2205.

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Husband arrested after shooting estranged wife

A weekend shooting in the Shady Grove community of Coffee County resulted in the arrest of one person and the hospitalization of another.

According to Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates, the incident occurred on Coffee County Road 345. He said the Elba Police Department dispatch received a 911 call at approximately 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 5, with the caller advising he had shot his wife in the head.

Prior to Coffee County Sheriff's Department personnel arriving on scene, Moates said the victim made her way to a residence on County Road 349. The victim was later transported from this residence by Coffee County EMS personnel to Elba General Hospital.

Moates said the victim suffered a gunshot wound to the right forehead; however, it was not believed to be a life-threatening wound.

"The complete cause of the altercation is still under investigation," Moates said. "Because of medical treatment, the victim was not able to give a complete statement as to the events of the incident."



New Brockton Fire Chief Greg Lee was one of the many employees and volunteers honored by the New Brockton Town Council during Monday evening's council meeting. Above, Lee accepts a certificate of appreciation from council member Johnnie Herron.

New Brockton Town Council recognizes town employees

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council began the month of June meeting Monday evening, June 6, by offering a bit of appreciation to the town's employees and volunteers.

Mayor Charles Cole was assisted by Councilman Johnnie Herron in presenting the employees and volunteers with tokens of appreciation after being recognized during the meeting.

Those recognized included members of the Christmas Parade and Pageant committees; employees and volunteers of the police, fire, street and water departments. Each council member thanked the employees and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the Town of New Brockton.

"We appreciate the mayor and city council for standing behind us," said Dale Grimes, assistant chief of the police department.

After Grimes presented the department's monthly report on traffic citations and criminal investigation/arrests, Mayor Cole said he wanted to publicly

thank the City of Elba for the donation of a 1994 Crown Victoria police cruiser to New Brockton.

In other departmental reports, fire chief Greg Lee said nearly \$4,000 was raised through a fundraiser held last month for the fire department. He thanked the people of New Brockton for supporting that fund raising event.

Town clerk Annette Williams said Jody Stuckey called earlier on behalf of the recreation board and expressed an appreciation to the street department for work completed at the ball field.

Council members officially accepted Monday evening the resignation of street superintendent Tony Bloodworth. In the same motion, the council also appointed Jason Caradine as the new street superintendent with a 90-day probation, as well as, the full-time employment of Lee Bloodworth to the street department retroactive to May 17th with a 90-day probation.

Cole told council members the flood mitigation grant application

was approved. The grant will be used to purchase equipment and materials for flood mitigation projects.

Williams said there apparently were two different groups involved which resulted in the varying charges for all involved. He said this also made the investigation more difficult because officials had to work to determine who was responsible for what in the case.

Among the vandalizing activities, Williams said those involved broke into and burglarized the science building which houses the home economics classroom. He said items such as cake mix, flour, cheese and hamburger meat were taken. According to Williams, the cake mix, flour and cheese were

thrown on the floors in the building.

Two school buses were taken, and Williams said one was driven into a ditch while the other was parked tightly between two buildings. The buses were also used as targets during the shooting of paint ball guns.

The concession stand at the baseball field was broken into with all kinds of food and drinks stolen.

Through the investigation, Williams said it was determined that the initial prank was to involve pulling desks from classrooms into the hallway; however, he said once inside the school building, the vandals decided to tear open lockers and ransack the place by throwing books and paper in the hallway.

Officials also found where someone had defecated a trash can, placed it in a classroom and turned the heat up before exiting.

Williams said the principal's office was burglarized. He said a painting and some keys were taken from this office.

One set of keys belonged to the driver's education vehicle in which Williams said the vandals drove the vehicle onto the football field cutting "doughnuts" from one end to the other. He said not only was the field's grass damaged, but several

sprinkler heads were broken. Williams said the sheriff's department has received some cost estimates from the school board regarding damages; however, he said they are still waiting damage reports from the driver's education vehicle and the football field.

The investigation of this incident began Saturday morning, May 21, after officials were notified of the destruction. Williams said it took quite a bit of time as officials worked through all the information gathered wanting to be sure to correctly charge those individuals involved.

According to Williams, 14 of the 17 people charged were senior class members for the Class of 2005. Two others graduated from Zion Chapel School in 2004 and the final suspect was a 10th grade student.

He said warrants were signed for the arrest of the 11 adult suspects late Wednesday, June 1, 10 of the 11 warrants were executed by Friday, June 3, and Williams said the final individual turned himself in on Monday of this week. All have been released on bond.

As for the other six suspects, they are under the age of 18 and are criminal trespass second; criminal mischief third (paint ball gun); burglary third (school); criminal mischief second (football field); unauthorized use of vehicle (driver's ed. car); criminal mischief second (football field);

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

It happens all too often. . . . clouds destroying property of others. Recently someone with feet larger (and more productive) than their brain, damaged or destroyed several of the newly installed lights on the Elba levee walking trail. These short sighted humans (?) did their damage even before the installation was completed and the electricity turned on to the lights. Oh, it is not hard to picture someone being jealous because they don't have everything others have, that is all too common. However to be so shortsighted to think it makes one bigger in the eyes of others (or even in their own mind) shows strong evidence of shallow thinking. Now that might be entirely too kind - lets define such thinking as plain old d-u-m-b. For someone who hasn't gotten the message this far into Brainstorms, we aren't a bit happy with this latest activity and he assured we will "rat on" the culprits if it is ever found out who is guilty of this, and remember, it is against the law to destroy anyone's property, public or private.

The shock waves continue to rattle windows in Coffee County as the story of the damages at Zion Chapel school are cataloged and the names of those accused of the actions revealed. It is a personal blow to us, as we know several of the youths whose names are involved and find it hard to accept that they would do such things. Dozens of others have also asked Why? Any of us can speculate but will probably never really know the answer to that question. Yet having been a teenager once long, long ago and having seen the results of similar rampart acts through the years, our thoughts are that it was dumb "the cute" fun which got out of hand. Maybe it was hard core meanness led by the devil himself, acting through the body of one or two of those involved. At this point it is entirely too late for these youngsters to "just say no", leave or whatever. They have messed up and will be working a long time to correct their damaged reputations. It is a hard lesson, but hopefully a lesson well learned, so we'll learn that it is never, ever repeated.

Aspiring politicians can begin actively campaigning now - they can leave out the words "I plan to be a candidate when the time comes". However don't expect all of them to hit the starting gate right at first. Some, especially those wanting to get into the various judge races are still sparring. We think they are playing a waiting game, trying to size up the potential opponents and thereby their personal chances. Our conservative thoughts come into play when one of our favorites starts talking about tackling a different position. Sue Bell Cobb is a case in point. She has been successful at the ballot box as well as on the bench and would probably be secure in running for re-election to her appeals court slot but is eyeing a Supreme Court position. Now she would undoubtedly serve them very well - if elected. Yet she is a Democrat, which means right now she is in the minority party. Offering to move up puts her on par, at best, with any other lawyer who might aspire for the judgeship - like maybe a Republican. Be careful lady, Alabama still needs you.

It is interesting to read the monthly results of the rain gauges installed, maintained and monitored by the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority. There are a lot of variations in the rain amounts at the various sites. The latest five months report shows Elba with almost ten inches more rain in 2005 than for the same period of 2004. The numbers show a whopping 13 inches extra at the Skipperville site in Dale County. Yet right below Elba in Geneva County there has actually been one half inch less than in 2004 at two different gauges. Of course the numbers for the individual months show an even wider variation. The Folsom Bridge gauge showed a jump of over ten inches from March of March, but the five month total was up slightly less than ten inches. Anyway we are getting plenty of rain and not all at once.



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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 30, 2005, investigated the following incidents: two for theft of property, one for harassing communications, one for duty upon striking an unattended vehicle, one for unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, one for domestic violence and one for harassment.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear and one for menacing.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for speeding, 23 for not wearing a seat belt, one for a revoked driver's license, two for no proof of insurance and one for loud music.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, MAY 30 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 21120 Hickman Ave., Lot 14C (5:38 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck on Hwy. 84 E. (2:45 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (6:49 a.m.); Possible domestic disturbance at 2732

Hickman Ave. (3:55 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) on Jackson St. (6:51 p.m.); Wreck on Hwy. 87 South (7:35 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) on Jackson St. (8:43 p.m.).

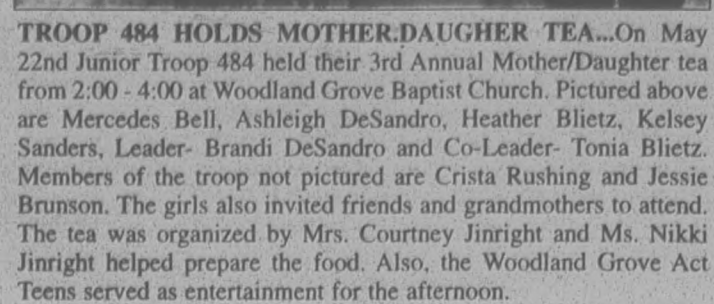
TUESDAY, MAY 31 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 831 E. Davis St. (2:59 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 - River stage - 8.37 feet (7:00 a.m.); Minor wreck at the intersection of Simmons and Davis St. (6:33 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) on Caroline St. (10:25 p.m.); Wreck at 801 Putnam St. (11:42 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JUNE 2 - River stage - 8.57 feet (7:25 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 831 Brunson Trailer Park, Lot 9 (4:27 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JUNE 3 - Possible domestic disturbance at 1855 Hickman Ave., Lot 14C (5:38 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck on Hwy. 84 E. (2:45 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on County Rd. 349 (1:50 a.m.); River stage - 8.57 feet (8:09 a.m.); One-vehicle wreck on County Rd. 372 (10:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on County Rd. 372 (10:00 a.m.); Fight in progress at the Riviera Motel (1:54 p.m.); Fight in progress at 610 Jackson St. (4:28 p.m.); Fight in progress at Vaughn Apts. (5:55 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) on Jackson St. (8:06 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 - Disturbance (noise) on Lee St. (3:52 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 13179 Hwy. 51 (10:49 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck at the intersection of Martin Luther King Dr. and Farris Ave. (11:59 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) on Jackson St. (7:03 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) on Jackson St. (9:08 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) at the Mulberry Park (10:01 p.m.).



TROOP 484 HOLDS MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA. On May 22nd Junior Troop 484 held their 3rd Annual Mother/Daughter tea from 2:00 - 4:00 at Woodland Grove Baptist Church. Pictured above are Mercedes Bell, Ashleigh DeSandro, Heather Blietz, Kelsey Sanders, Leader- Brandi DeSandro and Co-Leader- Tonia Blietz. Members of the troop not pictured are Crista Rushing and Jessie Brunson. The girls also invited friends and grandmothers to attend. The tea was organized by Mrs. Courtney Jirngiht and Ms. Nikki Jirngiht helped prepare the food. Also, the Woodland Grove Act Teens served as entertainment for the afternoon.



IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA WERE: Mrs. Brandi DeSandro, Ashleigh DeSandro, Amber DeSandro, Mrs. Toni Hollis, Ms. Courtney Jirngiht, Mrs. Tonia Blietz, Heather Blietz, Gracie Blietz, Mrs. Ann Grayson, Mrs. Cindy Hart, Carolyn Linzey, Kelsey Sanders, Shay Sanders, Mrs. Lisa Bell, Mercedes Bell, Alexis Bell, Mrs. Ginger Vinson, Leana Vinson, Shelby Jo Vinson, Mrs. Cathy Nelson, Cheyanne Nelson, Mrs. Cindy Senn, Markel Senn, Paris Sanders, Kennedy Sanders and the members of Act Teens. The ladies enjoyed some fun facts about tea parties read by the troop members, had their mother/daughter pictures taken and also enjoyed decorating picture frames together. The ladies got to take home their picture frames. They also received a tea party photo album and will soon receive a CD of pictures from the days events.

Attorney General King
to speak to Republican
Women of Coffee County.

Republican Women of Coffee County will be meeting at Po. Folks Restaurant, 650 Bell Weevil Circle on Wednesday, June 15th at 11:30 AM for their luncheon meeting.

Alabama State Attorney General Troy King will be speaking.

The menu will be a buffet and drink for \$8.00 inclusive. The public is invited.

For reservations call Fay McCrary at 393-0471.

BULLETIN BOARD

• ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRIST A.R.M.S. addiction recovery ministry services - Thurs. 7 p.m. - In Baptist Church. Call 565-3970 or visit the website: www.inabaptist.com

• ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba. Call 897-5037 for more information

• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. Courthouse: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213

• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom.

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - 3rd Floor

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tues. of every month - 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House

• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Decot Hanger at the Airport

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High School locker room

• NEW BOYS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

CHARGE (Continued from Page One)

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Obituaries

DIXIE BELL SMITH

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CHURCH NEWS



HELAN A. WARD celebrated her 95th birthday on April 23rd. Her children, some grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, enjoyed it with her. They had three 5th generation families. The 5 generation family with Helan that is pictured is Virginia Jordan, Danny Jordan, Chris Jordan, and Martha Jordan.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Stanley Carter

Elba United Methodist Church

The story is told about President Franklin D. Roosevelt complaining that as people passed by to speak to him in receiving lines, they never listened to what he said to them. One day during a boring reception, he tried an experiment. To each person who was introduced to him, he bent over and whispered, "I murdered my grandmother this morning."

The guests responded with such phrases as "Marvelous!" "Keep up the good work!" "God bless you, Mr. President!" Near the end of the receiving line, when the president said the same greeting to the Ambassador from Bolivia, the Ambassador said, "I'm sure she had it coming."

Sometimes we do not listen closely to the voice of God in our lives. Maybe our prayer for this week should be the prayer that Eli taught Samuel long ago, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:9).

Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church to celebrate homecoming and hold revival services

Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church will be holding homecoming and revival services. The theme is Revival in the Land. (Ezekiel 37:1-14). This event will start June 12, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Freddie

Men of Music to be in concert at Country Cathedral Assembly of God

Everyone is invited to Country Cathedral Assembly of God for an evening of gospel music featuring the Men of Music of Mobile, Ala. Also, ministering in song will be 11 year old Leah Paige Johnson.

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN	DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Robert McWaters Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala. Richard Thorne, Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m.	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Robert McWaters Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Don Cranahan Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Discipleship Training.....5:00 p.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Nathan Carroll, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Tim Gunnels, Minister Bible Study.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
BETHLE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Eddie Phillips-Copes, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Tue. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Ron Stallard, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m. Wed. Night.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY Rev. David Tullach Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Night.....7:00 p.m.
BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Tom Sims, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.	ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.	ELBA IN ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Rev. Billy Redd Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:00 p.m.
CHERRY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Martha Barber Church Service.....9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays	ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. H. Hill, Minister Sunday School.....12:00 noon 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Lavel Martin, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Mart Gray, Pastor Bible Study.....9:00 a.m. Fellowship.....9:15 a.m. Wed. Night Youth Band and Children's Activities.....6:00 p.m.	

Elba Church of God of Prophecy VBS scheduled for June 16-18

Elba Church of God of Prophecy will be having a Construction Zone Vacation Bible School, June 16-18, 2005. Thursday and Friday will be from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday will be from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. There are classes for all ages. The church is located at 647 N. Claxton Ave. Elba. Join the fun! For more information call 894-0280.

Newbia Baptist Church Vacation Bible School to start June 27 and continue through July 1

Newbia Baptist Church, located on Coffee County Road 330, will hold Vacation Bible School for all ages Monday, June 27, through Friday, July 1.

A "Ramblin Road Trip-Vacation Bible School" is set at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

A "Ramblin Road Trip-Vacation Bible School" is set for June 22-24 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

Go and join them as they pack up the RV and hit the wide open road. Plans have been made for travelers to enjoy a "Ramblin" trip making stops at the "Missions Campsite", "Tune-Up" Station (music), Souvenir Shop (crafts), and don't forget fill up at the diner (snacks). There will be side trips to the Recreation Park and Grand

Puppet Show & kick-off for VBS scheduled for June 12 at New Hope Baptist Church

New Hope Baptist Church of the New Hope Community on County Road 114 will be holding Vacation Bible School June 12-17.

A puppet show and VBS Kickoff will be June 12, 2005 at 5 p.m. Vacation Bible School classes, June 13-17, will be from

Zion Chapel Baptist Church to hold Vacation Bible School June 20-24

Ramble across the spectacular nation on an unparalleled trip. As Zion Chapel Baptist Church plots the course across the USA, you will also learn to plot your course with God. Rauler can gather for their Vacation Bible School road trip at Zion Chapel Baptist.

Camp Meeting being held at Mustard Seed Fellowship

The Mustard Seed Fellowship is having Camp Meeting now and it will continue through June 18. On Saturday Night June 11 & 18 they will be having gospel singings, following with a covered dish dinner. Everyone is invited and are asked to bring a covered dish.

Church Directory

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rev. Able Faulk-Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:15 p.m.	MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION Mary Seavey Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:15 p.m.	NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Jerry Long, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Pastor Rev. Roy L. Turner Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m.
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***JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Reggie Horstead - June 2, Mamie Belcher - June 3, Shelly & Ocie Phillips - June 5 (W.A.), Kimberly Dawn Russell - June 5, Shelly O. Phillips - June 6, Burville Jones - June 6, A Rashad Bilal - June 7, Rev. W. L. Ollie Peterson - June 8 (W.A.), Ben & Rebecca Daniels - June 8 (W.A.), John Jack Daniels - June 9, Kendethyn Belcher - June 11, Virginia Rogers - June 11

***MINISTERS WIVES PROGRAM

The Mulberry District Ministers Wives Program will be held Saturday, June 11, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mulberry Educational Building. It is located on Highway 84, Elba, Ala. Rev. W. L. Peterson is the Moderator. Speaker will be Rev. James Daster, Mistress of

Ceremony is Virginia Rogers, Scripture reference is Proverbs 31:31, and the Theme is "Christian Women at Work." This program is dedicated in Memory of Sister Carolyn Lawrence.

***HOMECOMING & REVIVAL

There will be a homecoming and revival service at Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Dozier, Ala. This will be held June 12-17, 2005. The theme is Luke 8:39. The homecoming speaker will be Johnny Lawrence. The Evangelist is Rev. Dennis Pugh, Jr. Sunday School is at 9:30 and the morning worship is at 11 a.m. The Homecoming services will be at 2:30 p.m.

***MATRON'S DAY

An annual Sr. Missionary & Matron's Day is to be held at the Bethlehem Baptist Church, June 12, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. The Scripture is Proverbs 31:20. The speaker will be Rev. J. H. Williams, Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church of Enterprise, Ala. Today is a good day to be grateful.

Meals provided each night.

Classes are for all ages.

Everyone is welcome. For more information call 735-5408.

Members of the South Alabama Conference Women's Missionary Society and the Young People's Division of the WMS, African Methodist Episcopal Church, will hold their annual Institute and Retreat on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11 at St. Peter AME Church in Clito. The Friday night worship services will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the message by the Reverend Vernon McLeod, Pastor of St. Peter AME Church in Headland.

Calvary Baptist Church, located on highway 189 N., will host a gospel singing Saturday night June 11th at 7:00. This event will be featuring Front Porch Pickers. Everyone is invited to come and worship.

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Casey Medlock &
Kayla Kelley

Juniors in Mrs. Pattie's English class write poems based on their life

Mrs. Pattie's junior English class received a creative assignment recently.

In their study of literature, Mrs. Pattie asked the class to write a poem based on their life. They were to write it as if they had died the day the assignment was given.

Three students, LaRay Williams, Alan Willis and Chase Boutwell, wrote poems that were exceptional.

LaRay Williams



As the world turns,
I stop and look over my life,
Realizing that things are not
like they used to be.
For I once knew a man,
Who was full of Tiger Pride.
And all he wanted to do was
help the team in more ways
than one.

On one "Friday Night,"
Coach gave him a chance,
Hoping he would rise to the
occasion.
For it was his job to catch every
pass that was thrown his way.

Homecoming Night appeared
before many,
And it was #23's night to shine.
A pass was thrown to him early
in the game.
Running hard and protecting
the football.
He almost made it in.

The crowd grew silent,
Hoping for a spark of
movement to accelerate into his
body.
**BUT NOTHING
HAPPENED.**

He was rushed to the hospital,
And shocking news spread over
town.

#23 was paralyzed from the
neck down.
Pain and sorrow ate away at my
heart when I found out the ter-
rifying news.
For #23 was my cousin and I
had no clue.

Thus, the love my family and I
had for him has never parted,
And when Friday Nights
appear before me,
I feel as if it is my job to
finish what he started!!!!



Shander Daniels
(December 28, 1977 -
December 27, 2004)

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Farewell from the Editors

by Kayla Kelley and Casey Medlock

Well, another year has come to an end and it is time to say good-bye. We would just like to take the time to say that it has been an honor writing for The Elba Clipper. This year has been full of many experiences that will hopefully lead to an even greater year next year.

The Elba High School journalism staff has greatly enjoyed informing the public of the happening events of EHS. Thank you for all of your support and encouragement. Until next year, good-bye and have a great summer!

My Mother

by Alan Willis



As my body lies in the freshly covered grave beneath the cold dirt,
I look down from the heavens on all my family and friends.

Sitting there in such sorrow,
I suddenly begin to think of the ways that I lived my life and the way
that I acted towards the people that I loved so very dearly.
I realize now that I should have been a lot more consciences about
the people around me and their feelings.

I see my father and I wish I could tell him just how much I love him.
Tell him that I'm sorry for all the pain I caused him, wishing I
could have spent more quality time with him.

I see my brother and sister as they weep.
Also I wish that I could take their pain away and let them know
how much they mean to me and how much I love them.

I see all my friends and think of how I could have been a much
better friend to them, to listen more and speak less.
Wishing I could take back all the clowning around that I did and
have paid more attention to the details that life really offered.

As I look down at all the people I loved and cared for, I notice that
someone is not there. It's my mother.

When she passed away, I had many regrets of all the times I could
have spent with her but didn't, how I love her but didn't say it enough.
I never even got to say goodbye.

But as I stand here, I suddenly feel a hand gently slide into mine.
As I look over, there stands my mother.

She smiles at me as I begin to cry.
She begins telling me that everyone has some regrets in life, even
the people who are gone.

She tells me that time will heal
all wounds, even ours.
Suddenly I begin to smile, know-
ing that one day I will see my
family and friends once again,
hold them tightly and tell them
all the

things I never got to before.

I LOVE YOU!

Bonnie B. Bradshaw
(Apr. 17, 1958 - Nov. 12, 2004)

Chase E. Boutwell



There are two dates that stand out in my mind:
March 28, 1991 and March 21, 2000.

I don't remember the first because I was only a baby,
But the second I remember all too well.
I was only eleven and it was one day after school
When I heard the news. I was a mess.
I couldn't quit crying or stop for a breath.

Why?
I asked it until I was blue in the face.
The tears stopped flowing and I couldn't figure it out.
What hurt me the most is I couldn't say goodbye.

So now I ask is
Meet me Jesus, meet me Lord
Meet me in the air.

If my wings should fail me Lord,
Would you meet me with a new pair
So I can see him again and meet the other.
They were both taken so unexpectedly.
They were both taken too soon.

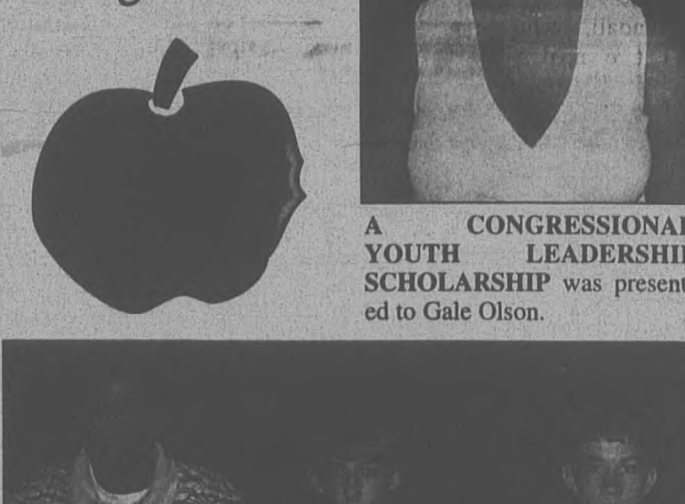
Why?
Someone once told me that when I was born I cried and everyone
rejoiced.

And to live my life so when I die everyone cries and I rejoice.
So now I'm rejoiced I will see them again.
I love you both Uncle Derrick and Uncle Tim.

More 7th-11th grade Honors Day recognitions...



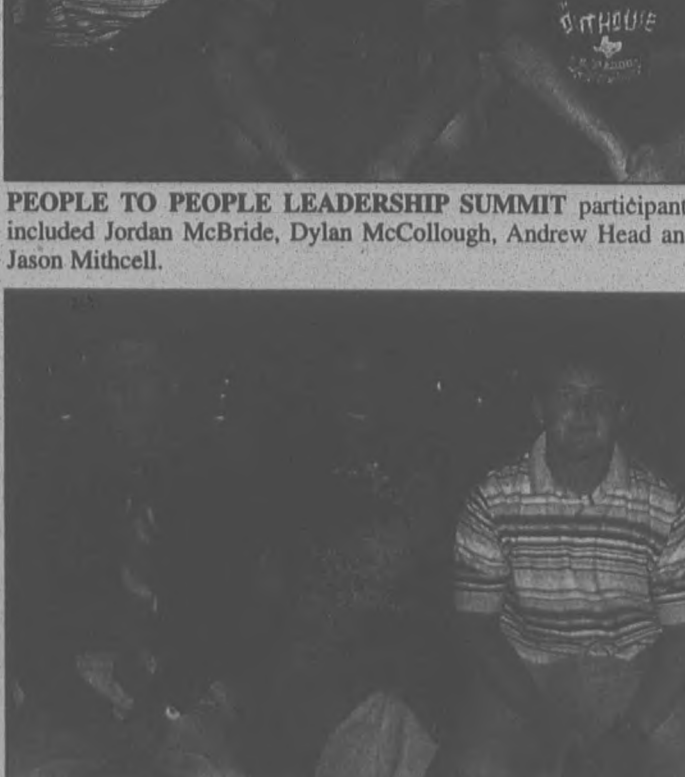
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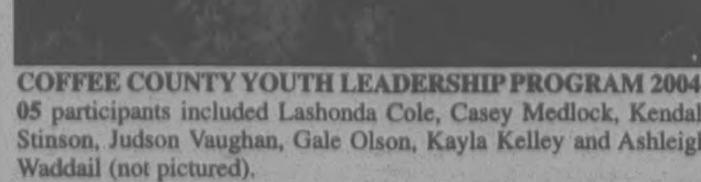
**CONGRESSIONAL
YOUTH LEADERSHIP
SCHOLARSHIP** was presented
to Gale Olson.



PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT participants
included Jordan McBride, Dylan McCollough, Andrew Head and
Jason Mitchell.



SOCIAL SCIENCE TOURNAMENT TEAM members included
Duke Carr, Lashonda Cole, Dustin Rhoades and Hunter McGuire
(not pictured).



COFFEE COUNTY YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM 2004-05
participants included Lashonda Cole, Casey Medlock, Kendall
Simons, Judson Vaughan, Gale Olson, Kayla Kelley and Ashleigh
Waddall (not pictured).



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Troy University to host piano camp

Troy University's John M. Long School of Music will be hosting a summer piano camp June 20 - 24 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. daily.

Designed for pianists ages 12 - 18, the camp features beginner, junior and senior sessions, tailored for each experience level.

Students attending the camp will learn ensemble pieces and receive training on theory, sight-reading and improvisation.

The fee for the camp is \$90, including a \$50 non-refundable registration fee.

Early registration is encouraged since space is limited and no drop-ins will be allowed to participate.

Registration forms can be obtained at www.music.troy.edu or by contacting Gwen Threadgill at 334-670-3500, or via email at gthreadgill@troy.edu.

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SCHOOLS



TOP HIGH SCHOOL MATH STUDENTS recently descended upon the Enterprise Campus of Enterprise-Ozark Community College to participate in a Math Tournament. On hand to congratulate winning students (pictured left) is Terry Spicer, EOCC Assistant to the President for Economic and Community Development; next are pictured, from Elba High School, third place winners in the Division I Algebra II Team category, Lauren McClung, Ashley Waddall, Chase Boutwell, and Lashonda Cole.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school graduate or GED.
- Must possess a valid Alabama Drivers License.
- Must possess a good driving record.
- Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- Must meet the minimum standards for law enforcement officers as established by Alabama Law. Applicants that are certified by the Alabama Peace Officer's Standards and Training Commission are preferred.
- All applicants are subject to drug screening and background check.

PAY RANGE:
\$10.11 to \$14.92 per hour.

BENEFITS:

- Local Government Health Insurance Plan administered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama.
- Participation in State Retirement.
- Vacation and Sick Leave.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:
Applications can be obtained by contacting Elba Police Department at 304 Simmons Street, Elba, Alabama between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

CLOSING DATE:
Applications will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on the 17th day of June, 2005.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

FAX SERVICE AVAILABLE AT THE ELBA CLIPPER

Sarah Maddox receives Bachelor of Science degree

Sarah Elizabeth Maddox, formerly of Elba, has completed a Bachelor of Science degree in the field of food and nutrition from the University of Alabama.

During her studies at the Capstone, Sarah was an active member of Emerging Leaders, Student Recruitment Team, Student Government Association, Student Dietetic Association, College of Human Environmental Sciences Ambassadors, secretary of Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society and held several positions in Phi Mu Sorority.

Sarah is a 2001 graduate of Zion Chapel High School, and plans to pursue a graduate degree in the fall of 2005.

She is the daughter of Paula Maddox of Cadiz, Ky.

AAMA scholarship available for application

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College students pursuing an Industrial Electronics certificate are eligible to apply for Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association (AAMA) scholarships. The AAMA has established a new scholarship program for Alabama students interested in pursuing manufacturing careers.

Beginning this fall, 25 AAMA Manufacturing Scholarships will help deserving students prepare for automotive manufacturing careers.

Students pursuing a career/technical education certificate or associate degree in designated programs of The Alabama College System, the network of public two-year community and technical colleges, will be eligible to apply. The scholarships will be available on an annual basis, representing a major, long-term investment in technical education and the development of skilled workers.

Automotive manufacturing has long been an important part of Alabama's economy, but it has grown exponentially in Alabama during the past decade," Ralph Malone, AAMA President and CEO of Trana Industries said. "Because of the increasing importance of this industry to our economy, AAMA feels that it is critical to prepare educated and trained workers who will be important to the industry's future growth. At the same time, we want to encourage Alabama students to take advantage of the career opportunities available in the automotive industry."

"The Alabama College System exists to improve access to education and training that allows Alabamians to find good jobs that fuel the state's economy," said Alabama College System Chancellor Roy Johnson. "The automotive manufacturers in this state create tremendous opportunity. We are honored by the confidence they have in our programs and grateful for this investment in our students."

Preference will be given to those students who demonstrate an interest in automotive manufacturing or automotive maintenance.

To qualify, a student must be an Alabama resident who has recently graduated from high school or received a GED and plans to enroll in an automotive manufacturing program at a two-year college in Alabama as a full-time student.

The AAMA will award 25 scholarships valued at \$1,500 apiece, according to Executive Director Dr. Bernard Schroer.

Applications are available at all public community colleges in Alabama, or through the Internet at www.aama.io or www.acs.alas.edu. The deadline for application is June 30, 2005. Applications can be completed on line at www.aama.io or mailed to AAMA, 500 Beacon Parkway West, Birmingham, AL 35209.

The association will assess each application and select the top 25 candidates. Applicants will be notified of their selection no later than July 15, 2005.

To learn more about the Industrial Electronics program at LBWCC, contact Jimmy Hutto at 334-493-5347 or by email at jhutto@lbwcc.edu or Tracy Bundrick at 334-493-5348 or email at tbundrick@lbwcc.edu. For more information regarding the AAMA scholarships, contact Wanda Bass at 334-493-5338 or wbass@lbwcc.edu.

New Brockton's Shawn Brown named U.S. National Award Winner in Band

The United States Achievement Academy announces that Shawn J. Brown from New Brockton, Ala. has been named a United States National Award Winner in Band.

Shawn, who is a 2005 graduate of New Brockton High School, was nominated for this national award by Mr. Castleberry, band director at the school.

Shawn will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers,

coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Shawn is the son of Billy and Cindy Brown from New Brockton, Ala. He is the grandson of Billy and Wynette of Tampa, Fla. and Walter Brast of Waterford, MI.

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Views From....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our "Momma Cat" had three kittens a few weeks back and that means we now have three cats and three kittens to help guard the outside of the house. Since the kittens run from anyone that comes near and the three cats do nothing but rub up against any and all visitors, they really do little to guard the family. However, we never see any mice around the garage. So, just maybe they are earning their food after all.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The West Coffee baseball team claimed two big wins over teams from Enterprise last weekend to improve its record to 5-4 on the season and it looks like the players on the team are making the most of their chance to play ball over the summer. The team is sponsored by the Elba Recreation Department and uses the Elba High baseball field as its home field, while its roster includes players from Elba, New Brockton, Zion Chapel and Kinston. None of the high schools on this side of the county had enough players to field a team and compete in Dixie Pre-Majors, which is for boys ages 15-16. So, the schools combined their players and West Coffee was born. The team has a 31-game schedule and has already played in one tournament, and that only proves the players on the team really did want to play baseball over the summer.

*** The Elba baseball and softball leagues will pick their "All-Star" teams this week and this summer the city will sponsor five all-star teams in baseball and four all-star teams in softball. The teams will compete against other all-star teams from such cities as Enterprise, Troy, Andalusia, Dothan, and Greenville and will no doubt be huge underdogs in all the tournaments. However, the Elba teams have done well in the past and my guess is they will surprise some folks in the weeks to come. After the dates and sites are announced I urge all Elba fans to go out and support these youngsters as they compete.

*** The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its All-State baseball and softball teams over the weekend with a total of four county players earning all-state honors and two more receiving honorable mention. Coffee County is a small county and doesn't get a lot of statewide recognition, but Elba, Kinston and Zion Chapel all had players named to the all-state lists and that is quite a feat. Great job to all our county players!

*** In closing... As of last week Elba's Ronald McKinnon was still an unrestricted free-agent in the NFL and was still looking for a team to sign with for the coming season. Ronald has been one of the league's best linebackers throughout his career and led Arizona in tackles in seven of his nine pro seasons, but playing for Arizona also hurt as far as getting his name out and a prime example is the fact he has never been named All-Pro. I believe the other teams in the league know Ronald can help their teams and he will sign before long. Once he does get back in camp he will be right at home and will once again prove that he can play football with the best of them!

Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Choosing the right RV

The last time I went camping, we spent then night in a tent. The weather was perfect, no threat of rain and the temperature was around 70 degrees during daytime and near 60 degrees at night. We had perfect weather on this trip, but things don't always work out this way. I can remember several nights spent in a tent when there seemed to be about as much water falling on the inside as the outside.

RV camper's activities may be hampered by rain or cold, but they make out a lot better than tent campers when things turn nasty. He weather is a lot easier to deal with when RV camping also. That air conditioner is worth its' weight in gold when the mercury approaches the 100 degree mark and shade is scarce.

So what is the best RV to buy? The three basic styles are the slide in pickup camper, the travel trailer and the motor home. Each one has its' own advantages and disadvantages. The slide in truck camper offers the hunter or fisherman who visits remote places a lot of versatility. Towing a boat is not problem with a pickup and slide-in like it is with a travel trailer. Another advantage of the slide-in camper is that it can be unloaded and set up in camp, freeing the pickup for trips to the store, etc. These units are fairly economical to purchase, but are limited on space. They also have a high center of gravity that can present a problem on uneven roads.

Travel trailers are the choice of many, mainly because of the ample space they afford and the fact that the tow vehicle is free for other uses once the trailer is set up at the campsite. The primary disadvantage with pulling a travel trailer is it limits one's ability to trailer a boat. Some states allow pulling a boat behind a travel trailer on certain roads, but other prohibits it altogether. One solution is to use one of the folding boats such as the PortaBoat or an inflatable. Campers pulling a trailer with a pickup can carry an aluminum boat on a truck rack.

The motor home has had a surge in popularity in recent years. They can easily tow a boat or another vehicle and they are not as hard to drive as they may first seem. They offer a lot of room, but they are expensive. The Class C uses the van cab concept is the least expensive, but offers ample room for three or four people.

Douglas Green, a retired school principal from Coffee County, has tried all three versions of RVs. He says he settled on the fifth-wheel travel trailer because of its' ease of towing and the fact that he has a vehicle free for other uses. The bottom line is all three sleep in a tent on a rainy night. The choice is yours, and shopping for one is half the fun.

NEXT WEEK....

ALL-STAR TEAMS ANNOUNCED IN
DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL,
DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL,
DIXIE BOYS (13) BASEBALL,
DIXIE BOYS (14) BASEBALL,
DIXIE PRE-MAJORS BASEBALL,
DIXIE ANGELS SOFTBALL, DIXIE
PONTTAILS SOFTBALL, DIXIE BELLES
SOFTBALL & DIXIE DEBS SOFTBALL

In Dixie Pre-Majors baseball

West Coffee sweeps Enterprise 3-2, 16-0



West Coffee pitcher Shane Adkinson, of New Brockton, pitched a 2-hitter and struck out 8 batters Friday night to lead West Coffee to a 3-2 win over the Enterprise Red Sox.

(Laura Baxley photo)

Forty lap feature races highlight action at SAS

By Mark Chisum

South Alabama Speedway held special features for three of its local classes Saturday night. The Modified, Street Stock, and Roadrunner classes all ran 40 laps. The extra distance didn't seem to matter, however, as three familiar faces showed up in Victory Lane.

In the Modified Feature, Bret Hanson took the early lead from the outside pole. Hanson led the first four laps before Kevin Peel took the point. Although Peel led the remaining 36 laps, his win was anything but easy. Andy Pugh came from the rear of the field twice to mount a serious challenge for the top spot. Pugh was able to get inside of Peel on a couple of occasions, only to have Peel pull away as they exited the turns. On lap 20, Pugh got into the turn a little hot and spun, and was sent to the rear of the field. That gave Peel a little breather, but not for long. Pugh stormed back through the field, moving back into second on lap 26. Pugh once again applied pressure to Peel, but once again it was Pugh who broke, spinning again. Regge Hellett took up the challenge on Peel, but Peel pulled away in the last four laps to take the win. Hanson was third in the final rundown, followed by Randy Herrick and Pugh.

The Street Stock Feature started out as a close battle but ended with Derek Deese earning a relatively easy win. Scott Morse grabbed the early lead from the pole position. The only caution of the race waved on the second lap for a stalled Sam Smith. When the green flew again, Morse was off and running, building a big lead as Deese was making his way through the field. With the race going green the rest of the way, Deese had to run Morse down. Once Deese caught Morse, it took several laps before he could work his way past the race-long leader. Finally on lap 19, Deese tied

the outside groove going into turn one, then dove under Morse as they exited turn two. Deese completed the pass as they headed down the back stretch. Once Deese had cleared Morse, he continued to pull away. As the checkers flew, Deese held a huge advantage over Morse. Will Mack was third, followed by Charles Cotton and Jeff Rudd.

In the Roadrunner Feature, Danny Monaghan took the lead from the pole. Charles Gardner grabbed the lead away on lap six before Jason Singletary took over on lap 18. Singletary led the rest of the way, pulling away as the field battled behind him. Gardner, John Singletary, and Tim Peters battled for the runner up spot. Gardner was able to keep the other two behind him with John Singletary and Peters swapping the third spot several times. Jason Singletary went on to win with Gardner crossing the line second. John Singletary came across the line third with Peters coming across the stripe sideways in fourth. Jerry Hudson was well back in fifth. In post race inspection, Gardner was disqualified for having "poly locks" on his engine, a "no-no" in the Roadrunner class. His "dq" moved John Singletary and Peters up in the rundown, and moved Billy Maxie into fifth.

In the Vintage Feature, Teddy Sasser passed Steve Stewart for the lead on lap five. Sasser pulled away with the race going green all 25 laps. Behind him, Stewart and Jason Windham were in a tight battle for second. Windham could get a run on Stewart but Stewart was able to hold off his challenges. Ted Shores was fourth with Duane Bates fifth.

Max Nelson took the lead on lap four and went on to win the Coyote Feature. Robert Colvin worked his way through the field to finish second. Fourth and fifth.

The West Coffee Dixie Pre-Majors baseball team, sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, hosted two teams from Enterprise Friday night and swept the double-header to push its record to 5-4 on the season.

Following are highlights of the double-header sweep:

WEST COFFEE 3 ENTERPRISE RED SOX 2

West Coffee pushed across the winning run in the bottom of the fourth inning to edge past the Enterprise Red Sox 3-2. West Coffee jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning after a lead-off walk to Don Rhoades and singles by Stephen Driggers and John Wayne Lambert, but stranded three runners over the next two innings and watched as Enterprise rallied to pull even at 2-2. Aaron Jacobs and Thames opened the fifth inning with singles, and Thames later scored on an RBI single by Chase Boutwell as West Coffee rallied late to claim the 3-2 win.

Chase Boutwell had 2 hits to lead West Coffee, while Stephen Driggers added 1 hit and scored 1 run. John Wayne Lambert, Aaron Jacobs and Thames all added 1 hit and Don Rhoades scored 1 run. Shane Adkinson pitched the win as he pitched five innings and allowed 2 hits, while striking out 8 batters.

WEST COFFEE 16 ENTERPRISE ROCKIES 0

West Coffee jumped out to

an early 8-0 lead and never looked back as it rolled to a 16-0 win over the Enterprise Rockies. West Coffee wasted little time taking command as it combined five walks with a double by Stephen Driggers and singles by Shane

Adkinson, John Wayne Lambert and Jeremy Sneed to plate 8 runs in the bottom of the first inning to grab a big 8-0 advantage. The West Coffee attack continued in the second inning as it combined three walks with four hits to move on top 15-0. Consecutive base hits by Aaron Jacobs, Chase Boutwell and Jeremy Sneed sparked the second inning fireworks, while Don Rhoades also added an RBI single. West Coffee added a lone run in the third inning on a walk to Zack Stephens, a stolen base and two passed balls, and easily held on to post the 16-0 win.

Shane Adkinson and Jeremy Sneed both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead West Coffee at the plate, while Aaron Jacobs added 2 hits and scored 1 run and Don Rhoades and Chase Boutwell both had 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Stephen Driggers and John Wayne Lambert both added 1 hit and scored 1 run, while Zack Stephens scored 3 runs and Nathan Foster scored 2 runs. Zack Stephens got the win on the mound as he pitched five innings and allowed 2 hits and struck out 7 batters.

Baxley earns honor

Four county players named to ASWA All-State teams in prep softball and baseball

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its 2005 High School "All-State" selections last weekend in baseball and softball, and included on the honored list were a number of area players.

SOFTBALL

The All-State list in softball included high school players in all six classes and named to the honored list were Elba's Stephanie Baxley in Class 2A and Kinston's Kaleigh Sanders in Class 1A. Baxley, a junior, recorded a 23-10 record at Elba High School with 387 strike-outs (12.3 per game) and an 0.79 earned run average. Sanders, a sophomore, batted .338 with 27 RBI's and 17 runs scored and posted an 11-6 record as a pitcher with 147 strike-outs and a 1.46 earned run average.

Other area players earning All-State honors included (OF) Carly Lundy, Pleasant Home; and (Utility) Lexi Phillips, Arton; (3B) Clair Goodson, Charles Henderson; (OF) Allie Park, Charles Henderson; (P) Hannah Reynolds, Andalusia; (OF) Morgan Battey, Andalusia; (Utility) Kayla Gordon, Ashford; and (P) Jordan McAllister, Slocomb; and (Utility) Casey Greathouse, Geneva County.

BASEBALL

The All-State list in baseball included players from schools in all six classes and included on the honored list were Kinston's Garrett Parker and Zion Chapel's Josh Smith. Parker, a junior, third baseman, batted .493 with 22 RBI's and 25 runs scored in just 21 games, and also stole 8 bases. Smith, a senior, posted a 6-4 record as a pitcher with a 1.21 earned run average and 124 strike-outs in 76 innings, while at the plate he batted .383 with 3 home-runs, 23 RBI's and 8 stolen bases.

Other area players earning All-State honors included (P) Matt Sullivan, Daleville; (2B) Josh Sewell, Headland; (P) Nick Davis, G.W. Long; (C) Wes Windham, Geneva County; (1B) Jake Paramore, G.W. Long; (OF) Daniel Trawick, G.W. Long; (OF) Robby Evans, Florida; (1B) Brandon Casey, Arton; and (OF) Zach Bradley, Florida.

Area players receiving honorable mention included (C) Garrett Thompson, Northview; (3B) Michael Matherly, Enterprise; (OF) Alan Harvin, Enterprise; (DH) Mason Meredith, Northview; (DH) Robert Brooks, Enterprise; (SS) Justin Williams, Carroll; (C) Brock Kelley, Opp; (1B) Matt Thomas, Daleville; (SS) Rhett Barnes, Opp; (3B) Michael Precise, Geneva; (OF) Daniel Holder, Rebel; (1B) Hunter Norris, Straining; (P) Matt King, Slocomb; (DH) Jamey Padgett, Headland; (P) Bubba Lee, G.W. Long; (P) Clay Thomley, Wicksburg; (OF) Josh Wolfe, G.W. Long; (Utility) A.J. Howard, Houston County; (C) Kaleb Schofield, Florida; (2B) Tyler Rasberry, Florida; and (OF) Zach Legg, Zion Chapel.

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Rainy week results in wash outs in local youth action

Last week's rainy weather took its toll on the youth baseball and softball schedule in Elba with only two games being played. Following are highlights of both games:

DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

Elba Marlins 11 Zion Chapel Red 5 - The Elba Marlins pulled away late to outscore the Zion Chapel Red 11-5. The Marlins trailed 4-0 early in the game, but pulled even at 4-4 in the bottom of the second and then scored 3 runs in the third and 4 runs in the fourth to pull away and post the win. Logan Bailey had 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Marlins at the plate, while Jordan McDaniel added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, and ripped a home-run. Hayes Spicer added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, while Hayden Disotell had 2 hits and scored 1 run, Ashton Senn had 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Garrett Smith had 1 hit and Justin Pope scored 1 run. Hayden Disotell pitched six innings and allowed 4 hits, while striking out 8 batters. Dylan Mobley and Bo Collins both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Red, while Kyle Boswell and Jacob Golden both added 1 hit and Ethan Lott, Brennan Schindler and Travis Black all scored 1 run.

DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

Zion Chapel Red 4 Elba Black 3 - The Zion Chapel Red pulled ahead early and held on late to post an exciting 4-3 win over the Elba Black. The Red pulled out to a 3-1 lead in the top of the fourth and held off a late rally to claim the win. Cameron Johnson had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba, while Dylan Seay added 2 hits, Bo Wiggins had 1 hit and scored 1 run, Brantson Bowers had 1 hit and Jantzen Flowers scored 1 run. Wesley Black and Blake Powell both had 2 hits to lead Zion Chapel, while Zack Ward and Jared Lott both had 1 hit and scored 1 run. Samson Dismukes added 1 hit and Mark Bietz and Dillon Mauldin both scored 1 run.



GETTING THE SIGN... A pitcher for the Zion Chapel Red gets the sign from his catcher in recent action at Legion Field.

(Laura Baxley photo)

Zion Chapel Rebel JV enjoy banner season in baseball

The Zion Chapel junior varsity baseball team completed its season last month with a 10-9 record and closed out the season in grand fashion by winning the Luvorne Junior Varsity Pepsi Baseball Classic.

The Rebels, coached by Thomas Boswell, Cecil Mobley and Chris Carmley, opened the season with a double-header split against Charles Henderson, winning the opener 5-2 and dropping the night-cap 15-5. Losses to New Brockton 8-7 and Arton 4-2 dropped the Rebels record to 1-3, but they bounced back to defeat the Purple Cats 11-3 to get back in the win column. A 15-1 loss to New Brockton left the Rebels with a 2-4 slate heading into the Arton JV Baseball Tournament, where the Rebels claimed wins over Brantley 4-2 and Arton 10-3. The fourth place finish in the journey sparked the Rebels to wins over Kinston 6-5 and Arton 13-7. However, their win streak came to an abrupt halt with a double-header setback to Highland Home. Zion Chapel



ZION CHAPEL REBEL JV.... (Kneeling, l-r) Ethan Mount, Garrett Stinson, Gatlin Carmley, Lance Walden, Corey Snellgrove, Matt Brunson, Joe Davis, Justin Winters. (Standing, l-r) Chase Perkins, James Tidwell, John Wayne Lambert, Hunter Walden, Logan Carmley, Zack Stephens, Harry White, Kasey Grantham. (Not pictured - Hayden Gibson)

closed out the regular season with an 11-4 win over Paxton, then capped off the season with the tourney win in Luvorne as the Rebels defeated Florida 8-5, Luvorne 4-3 and Catholic 11-7.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE OUTDOORS



DANIEL SUTLEY caught this 18-pound blue catfish while fishing Saturday at the Alabama River. He was fishing with his Dad and cousin, Todd.

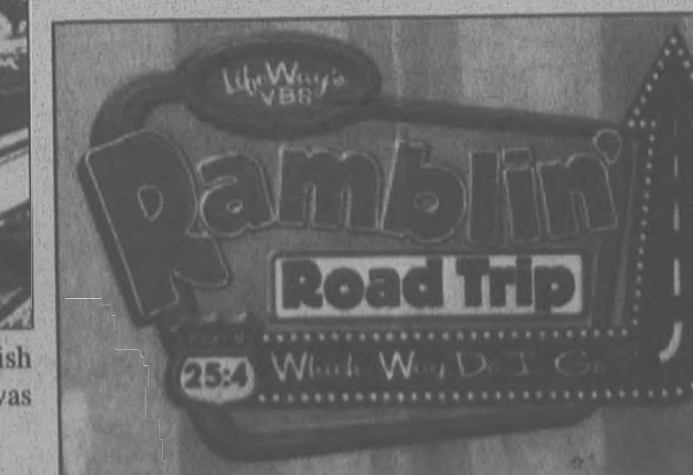
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ALL-TOURNAMENT SELECTIONS.... at the Luvorne Pepsi Baseball Classic were Zion Chapel Rebels (l-r) John Wayne Lambert and Kasey Grantham. The Rebel duo helped lead Zion Chapel to the championship of the Luvorne JV tournament as the Rebels closed the season with three wins to improve their record to 10-9 on the season.



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BRING IT ON...I AM READY! A Tee-Ball player from the Angels gets down low and is ready for a grounder in recent action at Hawkins-Williams Park.

(Laura Baxley photo)



COLLISION AHEAD! A base runner from the Marlins and the first-baseman for the Zion Chapel Red meet at the bag in Dixie Minor baseball action at Legion Field.

(Laura Baxley photo)



HOME-RUN TROT... Jordan McDaniel, of the Marlins, trots across home plate after ripping a home-run. McDaniel's blast was the first homer of the season in the Dixie Minor Baseball League.

(Laura Baxley photo)

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Exactly 50 years after graduation

Elba High School's Class of 1955 meets for reunion

by Dollie Jacobs Moore

It had been decided. Members of the Elba High School Class of 1955, who had received their diplomas on Friday, May 20, 1955, would meet for a reunion exactly 50 years from the day of their graduation—on Friday, May 20, 2005. They would return the next morning for brunch and a power-point presentation. That was the plan, and the plan worked.

Vice-president Kim Dyess and committee members began meeting and planning. Letters were sent to teachers and to the 56 living graduates asking for pictures from long ago and encouraging each of them to attend the celebration. Meanwhile, Pat Powell enlisted the help of her husband Roland and Gus McCall. Together, with the help of every living graduate and a family member of every deceased graduate, they would make a booklet containing information about the 69 graduates. The team's persistence, including a letter and numerous phone calls, paid off. Information for every graduate, along with other interesting tidbits, filled the Class of 1955 Booklet.

When class members opened the door to the Masonic Building in Elba a little after 6 p.m., excitement filled the air. After registering and filled out name tags, class members didn't stop hugging and talking until the meal was served at 7. With the passage of 50 years, people do have a way of changing but name tags helped.

Kim Dyess welcomed graduates, teachers, spouses and guests. Registration revealed the following in attendance: 45 of the 56 living classmates; five teachers, Carolyn Brunson, Joe Ann King, R.S. Jones, Mary Gaither and Pearino Gaither; two who almost graduated with the class of '55, Bobby Mills and Betty Jean Foley Long; 33 spouses or guests; two spouses of deceased members, Judy Brown and Judy King; for a total of 87. Recollections of the 13 deceased classmates filled souls during a special memorial ceremony arranged by Pat Powell. As she read highlights



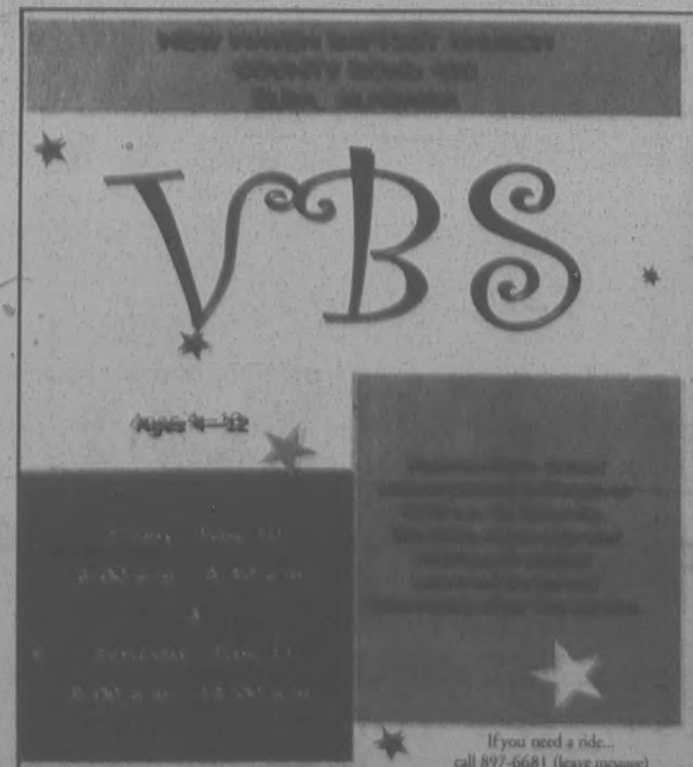
CLASS OF 1955, seated from left, Mary (Farris) Mills; Virginia (Jacobs) Shamburger; Catherine (Weeks) Hysmith; Shirley (Taylor) Nelson; June (Maddox) Moseley; Peggy (Purvis) Willis; Sara (Calhoun) Donaldson; Dollie (Jacobs) Moore; Patsy (McCollough) Powell; and Wayne McDaniel. Standing from left, Bobby Joe Davis; Wayne Marler; Marilu (Lee) Bailey; Paul Morrow; Betty Jo (Harrison) Hicks; Trisix (Maddox) Farris; Mary (Crocker) Turpin; Patsy (Cain) Hatcher; Betty Jean (Foley) Long; Christine (Wilson) Knudson; Jackie (Meek) Lanier; Peggy (Weeks) Ham; Clara Ann (Spurlin) Dyess; Sue (Morrow) Sellers; Carolyn (McCollough) Smart; Menta (Bowers) Shatt; Donnie Morrow; Mack Westbrook; Clifford Farmer; Gus McCall; Ruby Jean Calhoun; Louie Gwyn (Dismukes) Diamond; Tom Prescott; Georgia (Johnson) Ziglar; Roland Powell; Linda (Lee) Reeves; Louie Sawyer; Kim Dyess; Ken Dyess; Mary Esther (Jacobs) Morgan; Joe Donaldson; Roy Fuller, Lloyd Daniels, and Paul Miles. (Not pictured) Lamar Stewart and Billy King.

from each classmate's page in the Class Booklet, 13 different classmates came forward, lit a candle and said a few words about one of the 13. Remembering deceased classmates, J.P. Blair, Jerry Brown, Leon Brunson, R.A. Davis, Buddy English, Bobby Folsom, Charles Goodson, Paul Hamm, Rann King, Harry Moody, Betty Jo Prescott Ziglar, Ruby Turnan and Jimmy Young, made the night complete.

When class members arrived Saturday morning, the Masonic Building was abuzz with excitement again. After a downhome breakfast, classmate Roy Fuller, shared an inspirational message. As a minister, he has traveled extensively at home and abroad, and he told about some of his experiences. Then, Kim Dyess showed a power-point presentation of old pictures. More memories were rekindled as some of group saw pictures they didn't know existed. However, the camera doesn't lie, and there classmates were swimming on a class trip to Lake Geneva. Several of the classmates were shown as beautiful, bouncy babies, others as toddlers, pre-schoolers, and grade schoolers, and still others as they grew and became more involved in activities at Elba High School.



CLASS OF 1955 BOOKLET TEAM...Pat Powell, Gus McCall and Roland Powell worked together to gather information for the Class of 1955 Class Booklet. The team's persistence, including a letter and numerous phone calls, paid off. Up-to-date information for all 69 graduates, along with other interesting tidbits, was included in the booklet.



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Teachers who came, from left: Carolyn Brunson, Joe Ann King, R.S. Jones, Mary Gaither and Pearino Gaither joined the Class of 1955 for an evening of remembrance.

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Contingent upon Attorney General's opinion

County Commission approves 20-year lease agreement for Enterprise Multipurpose Center

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission voted Monday, June 13, to enter a 20-year lease agreement with the City of Enterprise regarding the proposed construction of a Senior Center/Multipurpose Center. However, the approved resolution is contingent upon an opinion from the state's attorney general.

Enterprise Mayor Kenneth Boswell addressed county commissioners during Monday's meeting and said the city has chosen Waid, Parrish and Associates as the architect for the proposed multipurpose center project.

He said the project will develop at 24,546 sq. ft. facility with 5,000 sq. ft. designed for the senior citizens center. The remaining 19,546 sq. ft. will be utilized for a multipurpose center in which Boswell said will hold a capacity of 808 people in a round table seating environment or 1,326 people in an auditorium-type setting.

In a previous meeting, the commission approved a com-

mitment of \$50,000 per year for three years towards the project. On Monday, Boswell said he was requesting commissioners look at going from a three year limit to 20 years bringing the total monetary commitment to \$1 million.

He said the county could enter a lease agreement with the city for the senior citizens and multipurpose center. The mayor also said the city could help with financing, but also asked the county assist with some on-site preparation of the construction site.

Boswell said he knew he was asking for a lot, but he feels the center will benefit not only the citizens of Enterprise but Coffee County as a whole. He continued by saying 48 percent of the voting population lives within the Enterprise City Limits.

The overall cost of the project is estimated at \$2.5 million, and Boswell said ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs) has awarded a \$250,000 grant for the senior citizens center.

Commissioner Robert Stephens offered a motion to

bring the matter up at the next working group session and vote on it at the next meeting. He said he felt more time was needed to discuss the matter and check to be sure the county can legally enter the 20-year agreement. His motion received a second from Commissioner

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County receives funds to improve County Road 415

State Representative Terry Spicer and State Senator Jimmy Holley recently announced Coffee County will receive \$200,000 in reallocated funds that will be used to make improvements to County Road 415.

Governor Bob Riley authorized the use of the reallocated Federal Aid Funds for leveling and resurfacing a 4.5-mile section of County Road 415 from State Road 189 to the Covington County line.

"I would like to thank Governor Riley for releasing this money," Holley said. "Coffee County hasn't received any funding of this type for several years."

Spicer said obtaining the funding was a team effort involving county and state officials.

"County Engineer Randy Tindell spelled out the need to officials with the Alabama Department of Transportation," said Spicer. "Senator Holley and I made sure that Governor Riley and Transportation Department director Joe McInnis understood the funds were truly needed. We certainly appreciate that they recognized the need."

Elba Public Library offers variety of reading programs for all ages

by Linda Hodge, Editor

School may be out for Summer, but that doesn't mean reading has to wait until classes resume in August. This Summer, the Elba Public Library has plenty of reading activities for all ages to participate.

The month of June features a reading program for children ages 2, 3 and 4 every Thursday morning from 10:30 until 11 a.m. with another program from 3:15 until 4 p.m. every Thursday for Kindergarten

through Fourth Grade aged children. In July, the library will host its annual Summer Reading Program. The theme for this year's program will be "FUNtastic Reading" and it will be open to all children (Age 2

through 5th Grade). Kay Wilson, librarian, said the participants will read books, complete craft activities related to the books, and the children will be required to keep a list of all the books they read throughout the month.

Wilson said the Summer Reading Program is a good way to keep children interested in reading while they are on summer break from school. Children, however, are not the only age group activities are being planned for at the library. Wilson said the library is working to establish a book group for adults that will meet once a month.

Although small at this point, the group began meeting last month and those involved seem to really be enjoying the new venture. The adult book group currently is scheduled to meet the second Tuesday of each month at 12 Noon at the library. Those involved can bring their

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Class of '55 supports Elba playground project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Playground Project took a giant step forward in March of this year when a representative of Leathers and Associates of Ithaca, N.Y. came to Elba to design the playground based on suggestions of the local children.

After making a presentation regarding the design, the project hit a crucial phase...fund raising.

Since that time, project coordinators have been working to find volunteers for fund raising and committees. They also have been working to find donations, donations, donations.

One such donation came last week when members of Elba High School's Class of 1955 donated \$1,205 for the project. According to class vice president Kim Dyess, the class members recently agreed to donate a minimum of \$1,500 to be applied towards the purchase of a wheelchair access ramping for the playground/park complex.

Dyess said last week's check presentation was a first installment with the expectation of more funds to come.

Jill Dunn, playground project coordinator, said a build date for the playground has been set for Tuesday, May 2, 2006. The playground will be located on property where the former Elba High School currently stands. That building will be torn down with the exception of the front facade of the school which will become the entrance of the playground/park complex.

An equipment list has been compiled for the project, and project coordinators currently are accepting donations to purchase each item like the wheel-

chair access ramping. The equipment list includes: twisty slide, \$3,500; castle maze, \$3,000; tree fort, \$2,500; wheelchair access ramping, \$2,000; vertical tire tunnel (auditorium), \$1,250; wavy slide, \$1,200; rocket, \$1,000; rock climb wall, \$1,000; tire swing, \$1,000; wiggle bridge, \$950; climbing net, \$950; spiderman slide, \$750; three swings at \$750 each; fire pole, \$700; rubber bridge, \$650; bouncy bridge, \$550; chain bridge, \$550; train, \$500; rings, \$475;

monkey bars, \$450; walkie-talkie, \$450; rainbow bridge, \$400; 20 trees at \$400 each; tot tunnel, \$300; low rings, \$300; two low ladders at \$250 each; wiggle beam, \$200; two chin-up pipes at \$150 each; and four benches at \$125 each.

Donations currently can be made at Windham Lumber Company or Bradley's Florist. Also, anyone wanting to check on the availability of purchasing a particular item from the list can call Jill Dunn at (334) 897-3971 (leave message).



Kay Wilson, Ella Kate Ham, Nell Glimmer and Doris Bedsole enjoy participating in the Elba Public Library's new book group for adults. They encourage others to join the group.

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Area Happenings

THE GOD AND COUNTRY RALLY, a patriotic and evangelistic event, will be held at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton on Saturday, June 18, at 7 p.m. Nationally known patriotic speaker, Dave Reeves, will be the evangelist. Special music will be presented by the Hillcrest Baptist Church choir from Enterprise and Fort Rucker's 98th Army Band Brass Quintet. Special guest will be Miss Alabama. The event is sponsored by local churches, Coffee County Association and the Fort Rucker Chaplain's office. For more information, call 894-6411.

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, July 7, at the Coffee County Farm Center. For more information call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME will be supporting the Elba Prison Clinic Bypass Support Group Meetings every third Tuesday of each month. Meetings will start at 7 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room. For any questions concerning the Support Group Meetings, contact Cindy Murphy CDM, CFP at 334-897-2257 ext. 293 between 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mon-Fri.



Khaylon Windom and Annamarie McLean are looking forward to participating in the Manners/Tea Party. This educational workshop is open to young ladies ages 8-14. Space is limited to 30 participants.

Manners workshop/tea party open to young ladies ages 8-14

A popular playtime event for young girls continues to be the tea party. Next week several young ladies will have an opportunity not only to attend a tea party but also to receive a quick lesson in manners.

The Coffee County office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Wiregrass Herb Society have joined forces to bring this special event to the county at no charge.

The event will begin with an hour teaching session on manners. During the second hour, the participants will practice those teachings during a real tea party complimented by delicious party foods.

According to Peggy Stroud, workshop coordinator, this is the first time event for the county and everyone involved is extremely excited.

The manners workshop and tea party will be held Thursday, June 23, between the hours of 6-8 p.m. at the community room of the county complex in New Brockton. It is open to young

ladies ages 8-14 and is free of charge.

However, there is a catch. The workshop has limited space. Therefore, only the first 30 young ladies who call to register will be able to attend. The

deadline for reservations is Monday, June 20.

Anyone interested in attending should call the Coffee County Extension Office at (334) 894-5596 no later than Monday, June 20.